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THE MULE AND THE MINER.

In the coal mines of Pennsylvania the man and the mule work side by side from morning till night.

Out of his labor the man gets shelter and some food; for his labor the mule gets food and stabling. One receives as much as the other.

What is the difference?

Why, this. The miner has a man's worries and responsibilities for others dependent upon him. The mule does not worry. He has no responsibilities. He does his work, he takes what he gets, and he sleeps the sleep of the unworried.

Which is better off, the mule or the miner?

THE EVENING WORLD'S DAILY FORUM.

Signed Editorials on Leading Topics of the Day by Recognized Authorities.

THE COAL STRIKE AND THE POOR OF NEW YORK.

By
JOHN DONNELLY,
Labor Delegate.

I HAVE had long experience in strikes, but the coal war in Pennsylvania is the most serious I have ever seen. We are prone to think that the miners there are the only sufferers. We picture them starving rather than working for a few cents a day and submitting to extortions from which there is no escape, but at the same time there are others scarcely less affected by the strike.

The price of coal goes up, already it has advanced to \$7 a ton. The advance falls on the poor of the cities, especially of New York.

The workingman seldom uses less than eight or nine tons of coal a winter. He buys it in small quantities at even higher figures than it costs in bulk.

The cold weather is approaching. Truly, the strike comes at an inopportune time. There are those who say that the operators have purposely refused to arbitrate in order to have a plausible pretext for advancing the price and reducing the output of this necessity. There are those who do not hesitate to assert that the whole strike is a premeditated attempt to rob the consumer.

However this may be, and no one will be likely to know the truth, the Pennsylvania coal strike is a double-edged sword. It cuts both ways. It throws over 100,000 dependent human beings out of work and, not content with that, it multiplies the poor man in the crowded city, who must have coal as surely as he must have bread.

How long the operators will persist in the wholesale and heartless persecution of the miners, so utterly at their mercy, no one knows. So long as they do the cries of starving wives and children will find an echo in our own city.

ARBITRATION SHOULD PREVAIL.

By
DR. R. S. MACARTHUR,
Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church.

IN common with all well-wishers of employers and employed alike, I deeply regret the occurrence of this strike. There seem to be some grounds of complaint on the part of the strikers, but there is also fault on their side, because, in some cases at least, their complaints were not made known and no opportunity was given the contractors to remove or even to discuss the causes of dissatisfaction.

Strikes ought to be the very last resort. They are, at best, a harsh and brutal method of procedure. They result in untold suffering to the innocent as well as the guilty. Their hurtful influence is as wide as the continent.

The time must speedily come when contractors

FRENCH WALKING COSTUMES.



The rainy-day costume is quite as popular with the fair Parisienne as it is with us. Only the French grande dame likes a little elaboration about her clothes, even in these utilitarian dresses.

These two, just shown from gay Paris, show two popular styles on the boulevards, that fall quite plainly the more trimmed effects worn there compared with our severely plain styles. The left hand one, with its stitched strappings and open neck to display a small chemise finished with a cravat, is more than usually attractive.

Toothless.

The jellyfish has no teeth, but uses himself as if he were a piece of paper when he is hungry, getting his food and then wrapping himself about it.

10 Per Cent. Die.

The health authorities estimate that at least 10 per cent of the men who go to Cape Nome will never come back alive.

Export Tax.

The Republic of Guatemala has imposed a tax of \$20 a head on all cattle exported from the country. It is intended to be prohibitive.

and workmen will listen to the voice of reason and settle their difficulties by arbitration. It is very evident that many have gone into this strike with no heart.

They are satisfied with their work and their wage. They strike simply lest they should be called "scabs." I could cite similar instances in this city. Some of the so-called sympathizer strikes have been the greatest frauds upon honest workmen.

It will be difficult to convince the public that this present strike is not influenced by labor leaders and political demagogues. Men who claim to be the friends of the workingman and who unwisely precipitate great strikes are the foes of all classes and conditions of citizens.

I sincerely hope for the day when contractors and workers will be amenable to reason and when arbitration may universally prevail.

R. S. MacArthur

ABE'S OPINION.

LONG and earnestly they had argued in the grocery about the way in which the world would be destroyed. For four long weary hours these residents of Saville had set forth their theories.

And finally they had asked the opinion of old Abe Hartley, who, among them all, had remained silent. Taking his pipe from his lips for one brief moment he answered:

"It will probably be talked to death." Without a word the debaters laid the way to the cider barrel. Abe bringing up the rear.

The Rev. Jam Jee.

The Rev. Jam Jee is the name of the only regularly ordained Chinese minister of the Gospel. He lives in San Francisco.

HE IS A PREACHER-SHERIFF.



This is the Rev. S. P. Pearson, a newly-elected Sheriff of Cumberland County, Me., who has raised a sensation by declaring that in his bailiwick, at least, prohibition shall prohibit. As his county includes Portland, the largest city of the State, hitherto a very wide-open town, interesting times are promised for the Sheriff and all.

HARRIET HUBBARD AYER

Mrs. Ayer will answer questions—
On MONDAYS, about the Baby,
TUESDAYS, of Perplexed Lovers,
WEDNESDAYS, of Unhappy Wives and Troubled Husbands,
THURSDAYS, of Beauty Seekers,
FRIDAYS, of Inquiring Housekeepers.
Letters without names and addresses will not receive attention. The names are not for publication. Write on one side of paper only.

This Husband is "Fresh."

Dear Mrs. Ayer:
My husband is what I call a fresh man. He is too familiar with women. I can't have a nice woman friend but he acts fresh, and then we don't care for each other any further. He runs a large office and employs many girls whom I find as familiar with him as I.

I know he understands my feelings, but he puts it down as jealousy. He is very conceited and after

TO-DAY ANSWERS

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ANXIOUS WIFE.

THE MODEL KITCHEN.

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